

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as set forth below:

1-40. (cancelled)

41. (currently amended) A method comprising:

receiving, by a local network administrator that supports a local cellular telephone network to which a local subscriber is registered, a serialized data stream from a foreign network administrator, wherein the serialized data stream describes a cellular telephone call made by the local subscriber while the local subscriber was roaming in the foreign network system, and wherein the serialized data stream includes a plurality of attributes defined in a [[non-industry-standard]] format that is negotiated between the foreign network administrator and the local network administrator, wherein the attributes include "Field Type," "Length in Bytes," "Description," and "Buffer Position" for each data item in the serialized data stream;

attaching, by the local network administrator, one or more validation rules and one or more population rules to each of the attributes;

validating each attribute in the serialized data stream as comporting with all of the validation and population rules; and

in response to all attributes in the serialized data stream being validated, converting the serialized data stream into a local format for storage by the local network administrator.

42. (cancelled)

43. (currently amended) The method of claim [[42]] 41, wherein the "Description" includes the local subscriber's name and account number, and wherein the "Buffer Position" describes a buffer position between each attribute when stored by the local network administrator.

44. (currently amended) A machine-readable medium having a plurality of instructions processable by a machine embodied therein, wherein said plurality of instructions, when processed by said machine causes said machine to perform a method comprising:

receiving, by a local network administrator that supports a local cellular telephone network to which a local subscriber is registered, a serialized data stream from a foreign network administrator, wherein the serialized data stream describes a cellular telephone call made by the local subscriber while the local subscriber was roaming in the foreign network system, and wherein the serialized data stream includes a plurality of attributes defined in a [[non-industry-standard]] format that is negotiated between the foreign network administrator and the local network administrator, wherein the attributes include "Field Type," "Length in Bytes," "Description," and "Buffer Position" for each data item in the serialized data stream;

attaching, by the local network administrator, one or more validation rules and one or more population rules to each of the attributes;

validating each attribute in the serialized data stream as comporting with all of the validation and population rules; and

in response to all attributes in the serialized data stream being validated, converting the serialized data stream into a local format for storage by the local network administrator.

45. (cancelled)

46. (currently amended) The machine-readable medium of claim [[45]] 44, wherein the "Description" includes the local subscriber's name and account number, and wherein the "Buffer Position" describes a buffer position between each attribute when stored by the local network administrator.

47. (new) A system comprising:

means for receiving, by a local network administrator that supports a local cellular telephone network to which a local subscriber is registered, a serialized data stream from a foreign network administrator, wherein the serialized data stream describes a cellular telephone call made by the local subscriber while the local subscriber was roaming in the foreign network system, and wherein the serialized data stream includes a plurality of attributes defined in a format that is negotiated between the foreign network administrator and the local network administrator, wherein the attributes include "Field Type," "Length in Bytes," "Description," and "Buffer Position" for each data item in the serialized data stream;

means for attaching, by the local network administrator, one or more validation rules and one or more population rules to each of the attributes;

means for validating each attribute in the serialized data stream as comporting with all of the validation and population rules; and

means for, in response to all attributes in the serialized data stream being validated, converting the serialized data stream into a local format for storage by the local network administrator.

48. (new) The system of claim 47, wherein the "Description" includes the local subscriber's name and account number, and wherein the "Buffer Position" describes a buffer position between each attribute when stored by the local network administrator.